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- i) adding the harvested cartilage explants to a culturing flask comprising at least one growth medium;
  - ii) growing the cartilage explants in the medium to obtain a chondroblast/chondrocyte a mono-layer,
  - iii) propagation of the cartilage explants until several mono-layers and a high cell number are obtained and
  - iv) transferring the mono-layer culture into an autologous growth medium.

57. A method according to claim 56, wherein the cartilage explants are used for the treatment of cartilage and/or bone and cartilage defects in mammals.

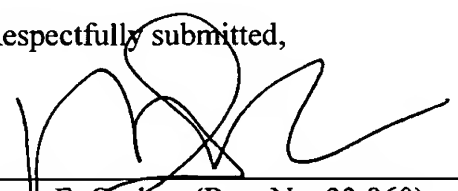
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#### REMARKS

To reduce initial filing fees and place the claims in U.S. format, claims 1-29 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 29-57 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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